British Mercantile Cruiser Car- Serious Accident Last Night All Final Reports Not Yet In rying Troops Torpedoed By Submarine.

AMERICANS

The Third Transport Carrying Roy Funderburk Has Leg Bro-Americans to Be Torpedoed and Fifteenth Troop Ship Sunk By Germans.

The British mercantile cruiser Moldavia, carrying American troops seriously, last night about 8:30 county has gone beyond all expecta-from America to Europe, has been when the Ford car in which they tions, and a full report from all distorpedoed, and 56 American soldiers were riding turned turtle as the tricts is not yet complete at headare reported missing. The liner driver Floyd Ringstaff attempted to quarters. Up to noon today, with was sunk Thursday morning, according to an official statement by of Elgin. The injured are Floyd ports, the total subscriptions had the British admiralty.

tilles was the first to meet with de-October 17, last, when returning to reported resting well today. this country from Europe, and 70 lives were lost. The second was the and then righted itself on all four Tuscania, which was sent to the bottom off the north of Ireland Febru- though one wheel was smashed. ing and tabulating the reports as

made on American transports occur- en to their homes. red last June when vessels carrying some of the first expeditionary units, the accident. It was said last night under a convoy commanded by Rear that in attempting to pass the other timate of the final total really has Admiral Gleaves, narrowly escaped car, Ringstaff drove too near a sma'l been placed at \$20,000. disaster in the mid-Atlantic.

That German submarines are opland is evidenced by the sinking of that a blowout caused the accident. the steamer Inniscarra, of Cork, with loss of life.

David Lloyd George, speaking at Edinburgh, has said that the submarine is still unconquered. but that it is no longer a vital menace to the entente allies. He said that the U-boats are being destroyed faster than they can be built by Germany. while the allies are building ships faster than the submarines are sinking them.

WAS CARRYING TROOPS

the British armed merchant cruiser Moldavia, with a probable loss of 56 American soldiers, was announced forced to carry a banner on one side in a cablegram from the British admiralty to the war department. No standing is that the ship was mov- man is said to have talked disrespect ing between England and France. this statement:

"Information has been received from London that the British armed merchant cruiser Moldavia has bedie sunk and 56 of the American ed upon the scene and, after strensoldiers aboard are missing.

"The announcement was made by the British admiralty."

what American units were on board filed. the vessel. Many men are in training in England, and it is possible that the Moldavia was carrying a contingent bound for the front.

The Moldavia was of 9.500 tons gross and owned by the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation company. She was built at Greenock in 1903 and was 520 feet long.

It is believed that the American soldiers missing from the Moldavia were sleeping on the bottom deck and were overtaken by the great in- ports that several married men who of terms auditor of York county. rush of water, after the explosion, were placed in classes three and four when they were trying to reach the upon the plea of dependents have transferred to class one will be that some of the ladders were destroyed.

The vessel was struck below the bridge. She steamed ahead for sometime after being struck and at first that the class of their husbands be it was hoped that her water-tight changed, stating that after they compartments would enable her to reach port.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY BRITISH ADMIRALTY

27.-The British troop ship Molds via, with s been torpe

AMERICAN SOLDIERS FOUR ARE INJURED

When One Car Attempts to Pass Another.

MISSING INJURED RESTING WELL QUOTA WAS ONLY \$10,000

ken, Floyd Ringstaff, Several Ribs and Miss Daisy Belle Taylor Collar Bone Dislocated

Six persons were injured, three when the Ford car in which they tions, and a full report from all dispass another car one mile this side three districts to file their final re-The Moldavia is the third trans- derburk, leg broken; Miss Daisy per cent over-subscription, the apport carrying American troops to be Belle Taylor, collar bone dislocated; torpedoed and the fifteenth troop Miss Eva Wallace, badly bruised; \$10,000. ship sunk by the Germans. Of the Rob Stain and Walter Evans. vessels carrying Americans, the An- bruised. Stain and Evans received ed with the drive and many note only slight injura and were up worthy individual subscriptions, in struction by a U-boat. She was sunk town this morning. The others are fact, so many that it is facile to at-

wheels. It was not badly damaged. Springs block are busy today receivary 5, with a loss of life totaling The injured were brought immediately to the city and were given tricts throughout the county. It may The only other serious eattack medical attention, later being tak- possibly be found when all the re-

Conflicting reports were made of ditch and the car turned over, while a member of the party told a repreerating off the south coast of Ire- sentative of The News this morning

WILMINGTON MAN BEING

O. J. Dykeman Marched Through Streets Bearing Yellow Banner for Ill Treatment of Woman.

Birmingham, Ala., May 27 .- O. J. Oykeman, traveling salesman for the Cement Products company, of Wilmington, N. C., was taken from BOUND FOR THE FRONT a hotel here by about 100 citizens Washington, May 27 .- Sinking of members of the Red Cross war fund campaign committee, and escorted to the terminal station. Dykeman was of which was inscribed in yellow "This is my color," and on the other details were given, but the under- side, "Slacker leaving town." Dykefully to a woman soliciting funds for The war department authorizes the Red Cross who approached him for a contribution in the dining room of the hotel.

When the terminal station had been reached federal officials arrivuous efforts, succeeded in gaining possession of Dykeman. was then taken to the county jail, where At a late hour the department had he is being held for investigation. no further information to indicate no formal charge having yet been

WIVES WANT HUSBANDS SENT ON TO THE CAMP

Failed to Support Families and Now They're in Class 1.

Winston-Salem, May 27.-A mem er of this city exemption board resent away with the next delegation ation of war and has been on duty to the war training camp.

The wives of these men have gone to the exemption board and asked signed the support claim for them the husbands stopped providing for their families.

Maybe It's Hanging Dog.

This from the Charlotte Observer: A gentleman just from Spartanburg, S. C., Tar Heel by birth but oath Carolinian by right of resisaid yesterday, "I heard two at Camp Wadsworth disput-

\$18,921 SUBSCRIBED LOST ON MALDOVIA CAR TURNS TURTLE FOR THE RED CROSS

and Total May Go to \$20,000.

Lancaster County Has Done Handsomely By the "Great American Mother" and the Workers Are Elated.

The Red Cross drive in Lancaster Ringstaff, ribs broken; Roy Fun-reached \$18,921. This is about 90 portionment for the county being

There are many incidents connect-The car turned completely over campaign closed last night and the tempt mention of each one. The workers at headquarters in the parts have been received that the allotment has been over-subscribed

The magnificent success of the campaign is attributed to two ple of this county to back up the boys "over there" and the team work and co-ordination of effort on HELD AT BIRMINGHAM the part of the committees-men throughout the county, who at the beginning signified their unwilling ness to be satisfied with raising the apportionment of \$10,000, and set to work for a large over-subscription. Just how well their efforts were rewarded, is shown by the figures given above. These workers are highly elated at the success of the campaign.

NO FURTHER NEWS

Department Without Additional In formation Concerning York County Officer.

Washington, May 27.-Nothing more has been heard of First Lieut. Phillip W. Hunter, M. R. C., of York who is missing from the American forces abroad, although everything possible is being done to secure de-

Lieutenant Hunter, a physician of York, was officially reported missing in action since April 4, but this is believed to have been a mistake as his mother, Mrs. J. J. Hunter, received a letter from her son dated April 7. It is thought probable that an error Men Placed in Class 3 and 4 Have in cabling occurred, the date probably being later in April or possibly May 4. Lieutenant Hunter is wel' known in many parts of South Carolina. He is a son of the late J. J. Hunter, for many years a prominent erchant of York and for a number Lieutenant Hunter, who is about 32 years of age, joined the medical reserve corps shortly after the declarat the front for some time. He has a number of relatives in South Carolina. Two of his sisters are Mrs. John R. Hart of York and Mrs.

Thomas H. Westrope of Gaffney. After his graduation at the South Carolina Medical college, he engaged in hospital work and before entering the army was practicing his profession with conspicuous success in his native town of York.

Dr. Thager Will Retuen. ere will be services at the

Total Subscriptions Reported to Noon Today.

Lancaster	7 011 21
Lancaster Cotton Mills.	2,222.36
Kershaw	2,055.70
Kershaw Cotton Mills	744.25
Heath Springs	1,583,50
Barberville	127.00
Pleasant Valley	110.00
Belair	94.50
Osceola	87.08
Van Wyck	542.60
Ferguson	60.75
Ferguson. Craigsville—Helms.	
Jacksonham	88.50
New Rothol	40.75
New Bethel	50.00
Tabernacle	110.00
Tradesville	231.08
Cane Creek	75.00
Camp Creek	36.62
Dixie	74.35
Buford	28.25
Union.	250.00
Oak Hill	· 196.5 0
Bell Town	63.75
Douglas—Jones Cross Roads	115.80
Elgin.	200.00
Firk Hill—Red Hill	342.05
Fork Hill—Red Hill	21.91
White Bluff	
Taxanaw	261.40
Riverside	90.85
Pleasant Hill—Oak Ridge	535.80
Caston	115.00
Pleasant Plain	62.50_
Charlesboro	65,35
Tank	5.50
Dry Creek	150.00
Oakhurst	150.00
Halle Gold Mine	120,00
Midway	12.50
riat Creek	
Stoneboro—Crenshaw	294.35
Bethel	201.00
Unity	275.00
Antioch	221.80
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Total	\$18.921.87

The above reports are unofficial, having been made up largely from 'phone information, and are therefore subject to correction. All districts are urged to send in their official lists with pledge cards and eash to E. M. Croxton, cashier, First National Bank of Lancaster, at once, so that the auditing committee can complete final tabulation, which will be published in full later.

OF LIEUT. HUNTER HOLMES H. SCOTT IS MADE SUPERINTENDENT

of Lancaster Schools Succeeding Wessinger.

Holmes H. Scott, superintendent of the Timmonsville schools, was elected superintendent of the Lanof the board of trustees held Saturday. Mr. Scott succeeds C. Westhe schools for the past five years and who did not seek re-cercion.

The selection of Mr. Scott is considered indeed fortunate as he is understood to be a man especially fitted for the work here. Mr. Scott was present at the meeting of the

MRS. STOKES CONVICTED UPON ALL THREE COUNTS

Sentence of Woman Charged With Violation of Espionage Act Deferred, Pending New Trial.

Kansas City, Mo., May 27 .- Mrs. Pose Pastor Stokes, charged with violation of the espionage act, was convicted by a jury in federal court. Mrs. Stokes was convicted upon all three counts in the indictment against her.

After conferring with Francis M. Wilson, United States district attorney, and Seymour Stedman, of Chtcago, Mrs. Stokes' counsel, Judge Van Valkenburgh announced that he wou'd defer sentence pending a motion for a new trial. He set June 1 is the date for hearing the motion.

Milwaukee this year wome employed for the first time to ames for the city directory,

Beven Funderburk, who was at for the week-end, gave a delightful now been fully supplied and are Timmonsville Man Elected as Head tea in honor of his guests, who ac-available for employment by the sumpanied him, Allen J. Peterson, of preme commander, General Foch. incoln. Neb., and Glenn H. Heard, of Chicago, Ill. Messrs. Heard and Peterson are stationed at Camp up the man power situation, that the Lancaster made scores of friends, who anticipate frequent visits here today shows a considerable net gain. caster graded schools at a meeting during their stay in the South. Be- over March 21 when the German assides the honor guests those present were Misses Guy Skipper and Perry Laurin, sister of the host.

GREAT OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN RESUMED

Germany's great offensive on the western front has been resumed. With only brief artillery preparation, two blows have been struck by the Teuton armies. which have been reorganized since disastrous losses were inflicted on them by the French and British during the Picardy and Flanders battles in March and April. One attack was on the line from Voormaylee to Locre southwest of Ypres; the other on the 35 mile front from Pinon, north of Scissons, to Rhe'ms. This is known as the Aisne sector. In Flanders the Germans have

gained virtually nothing, but farther south the Berlin official statement claims the German crown prince's troops have carried the whole ridge of the Chemin des Dames and now are fighton the Aisne river.

The German attack in Flanders is against positions taken by the French May 20, when they recurtured Bruloose at Locre and strengthened their lines on each side of Hill. 44, which they had and consequently there must be desretaken a few days before.

BELIEVE END WAR COME THIS YEAR

American Military Opinion Confident Germans Will Not Gain.

NEW DRIVE IS IMMINENT

Allied Armies Are Ready and High Officers Familiar With Situation Say Enemy Will Be Repelled.

Washington, May 27 .- Renewal of the German drive in France, indicated by Premier Lloyd George to be imminent, finds American military opinion here absolutely confident of the outcome. There is not a doubt in the minds of high officers familiar with the situation that the enemy will be repelled with losses. 20

"There are those who believe that the end of the war may come this year as a result. Others." foresee a long offensive struggle by the German army while efforts to secure peace on the best possible terms are made by the Berlin diplomats.

In assessing the situation; as it stands today in France, officers here point out that the German position strategically is far weaker than it id was when the drive was launched in in March. Their lines are now shaped so that there is constaflank attack from sever r points that might mean disaster. To guard those points, ample reserves must be held, whatever the call for more men may be made from the front of at-

Allied Armies Ready.

Before the German army stands a force that has been largely rehabitted since the shock of the drive fell upon the British and French fronts and bent them back by weight of numbers. Losses in men and material have been made good. The armies are keyed to a high pitch of en-

American man power, sufficient to replace by far the larger portion of the losses of the British and French in the bitter fighting which stopped the first German rush has been car ried to the fighting zones supplementing the considerable American force which already was in France.

In addition many thousand trained Italian troops have reached the front in France. They came without equipment beyond their unihome from Camp Green, Charlotte, forms, it is understood, but have

Net Gain in Man Power.

It is regarded as probable, to sum Preene and during their visit to effective fighting strength of the allies and the Americans in France sault was begun.

On the other hand, Germany with singer, who has been at the ead of Belle Bennette and Mrs. Jas. Mc-losses certainly as great as those of the British and French combined and probably much greater, has only her returning wounded men to fil up the depleted ranks of her front l'ae divisions.

Officers here point out conditions which contribute to force the G mans to attempt to further advaga hopeless as the outlook for success may appear. In the first place the present German line in Picardy and Flanders is in such a position at to be untenable whenever General Foch feels the time has come to strike back. The German withdrawal to the famous Hindenburg line war forced by a much less serious menand Ypres salients which the Germans have created. Military precautions demand. it is declared, that the line be either advanced or retired in the near future.

Internal Conditions. Internal conditions, it is believed. compelled the military party in Germany to insist on the drive in the first place. The restlessness of the masses under cost of war threatened the hold of the military and territorial expansion advocates on the ernment. If anything, it is said that restlessness must have been increased by the grave food situation and the fruitless effort already made

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